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SUBJECT : ADMINISTRATIVE COURT ANNUL MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS IN LE CREUSOT.

1. LAST WEEK THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT OF DIJON
ANNULLED THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF LE CREUSOT , A
CITY OF 34,000 IN THE SAONE AND LOIRE DEPARTMENT,
WHERE THE COMMON LEFT HAD WON WITH A MAJORITY OF
428 VOTES IN THE FIRST ROUND.

2. THE COURT ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF FORMER
MAYOR HENRI LACAGNE, AN R.P.R. DEPUTE. LACAGNE
SUCCESSFULLY OBJECTED TO THE PRESENCE OF
DENTAL TECHNICIAN MAURICE CHIFFLOT ON THE
COMMON LEFT S SLATE SINCE CHIFFLOT S DENTAL
LABORATORY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY
PROCEEDINGS SINCE OCTOBER 1975. THE ELECTION
LAW OF 1967 PROHIBITS THE HOLDING OF ELECTIVE OFFICE BY
A BUSINESSMAN WHOSE FIRM IS BEING LIQUIDATED UNDER
BANKRUPTCY. THE CITIZENS OF LE CREUSOT WILL THUS
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BE REQUIRED TO VOTE OVER AGAIN UNLESS THE
PRESENT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL APPEALS TO THE COUNCIL
OF STATE.

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE LATE LAST WEEK MAYOR
DUFOR INDICATED THAT THE COMMON LEFT MIGHT APPEAL,
BUT STOPPED SHORT OF A DEFINITE COMMITMENT TO DO SO.

IF NO APPEAL IS INITIATED, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT
NEW NOTING TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JULY 13TH AND
SEPTEMBER 13TH. DUFOUR POINTED OUT HOW AWKWARD
IT WOULD BE TO MOUNT A NEW CAMPAIGN AND SCHEDULE
ELECTIONS DURING THE TRADITIONAL FRENCH
VACATION PERIOD JULY AND AUGUST.

4. IF AN APPEAL IS LODGED, THE COUNCIL OF STATE
WILL RENDER ITS DECISION BY JANUARY 13, 1978 AND
IF THE JUDGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT IS
UPHELD, NEW ELECTION S WOULD BE SCHEDULED BEFORE
MARCH 13TH, 1978.
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